

Joy Louise Williams  
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December 5, 2013

Thank you Ladies and gentlemen for your time.

My name is Joy Louise Williams. I have only been a Medicinal Marijuana Patient for about a year now and before this I had never tried marijuana due to being raised that this was "Satin's Plant" and I'd be allowing Satin in my mind! It was a "Gateway" drug! The image of the frying pan and the egg, Yes, I grew up with thinking that would happen to me! In my community of friends, this is frowned deeply upon!

So, when my 17 year old son came to me and told me he knew that I was dying and asked me to consider using Medical Marijuana instead of using morphine I was stunned, SHOCKED! Me use a gateway drug to what Heroin?

About a year and a half ago, my liver and kidneys were failing again! I was taking 42 Prescription Medications by mouth, plus using 3 puff inhalers, a Nebulizer and Supplemental Oxygen at any resting times! I spent 75% of my time in bed! When sleeping I used my CPAP machine with the oxygen. I USED A WALKER AND A CANE FOR Mobility! I had very little quality of life. My Doctor didn't think I would live to see my son Graduate from High School in May 2013!

As you can see, I made it to his Graduation! With a seeded plant that God put on this Earth, I was able to come off of over 40 Prescription pills; I have 1 inhaler that I use for Emergencies; I no longer have my CPAP Machine and no need for my Nebulizer! In January, I no longer needed my Walker and in April, I no longer needed my cane!

In February, being so concerned with chemicals, I even stopped eating them and became PLANT-STRONG VEGAN!

By September 30<sup>th</sup>, I was told my Liver and Kidneys were NORMAL! My blood work came back the same conclusion, all makers clear! My heart was no longer enlarged! Both LUNGS healed! I have lost well over 130 pounds this year, bringing my total weight loss to 260 pounds! I have had 19 illnesses and diseases removed from my Medical Charts! I give God ALL the credit for this miracle plant. I see how NOT consuming chemicals have radically changed my body, why should I be FORCED to use medicine that has been grown in IRADIATED MINE SHAFTS? And from dirt that is LAIDENED with CHEMICALS and plants that are being cultivated in contaminated soil? My PURE MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA is HYDOPONICALLY GROWN FROM NATURAL ARTESIAN WATER IN A STERYLIZED CLEAN ROOM WITHOUT ANY CHEMICALS.

Please understand, I do not smoke my medicine, I ingest it! Thanks to HB 5104, I make an ORGANIC HARD CANDY that I use to sweeten my tea! I use ORGANIC COCONUT OIL and make capsules

in which to ingest easier! I USE VARIOUS CREAMS AND BALMS FOR PAIN! AS WELL AS TOPICAL OIL when I am unable to walk! I support HB 5104 which allows me to use my Medical marijuana the ways that I need it.

Please help keep my medicine clean and PURE just like Michigan is! Please DO NOT allow my MEDICINE to be grown in irradiated mine shafts! Please DO NOT force me to eat chemicals that will put these poisons back into my body! I am HEALTHIER THAN I HAVE EVER BEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE! I HAVE FOUGHT THIS YEAR TO SURVIVE AND BE HERE FOR MY THREE CHILDREN AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN! Please don't poison me! Would you eat a salad, grown in this same shaft, four times every day knowing that you are eating poisons?

Thank you for your time!

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:57 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4271

**From:** Paul and Kim Watson [<mailto:thegrowstoretc@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 12:37 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** House Bill 4271

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am writing to you to show my support for House Bill 4271. This bill is the appropriate bill for the Michigan community of Medical Marijuana patients. Please approve House Bill 4271, as it has the support of our community as well as a large number of Senators on both sides.

We can bring a lot of revenue to our local communities with the implementation of this bill. A list of business's who would benefit are numerous;

Gas stations. (In Northern Michigan patients sometimes need to drive a ways to find a Hydroponics store for equipment, which would include coffee, gas, food, etc.)

Hardware stores

Lumber yards

HVAC companies

Electricians

Plumbers

General contractors

Gardening centers

Irrigation supply

Local Banks

Electric utilities

Consultants

Big box stores

Shopping areas

Painting supply

Plastic industry

Seed companies, (Vegetables)

Michigan based gypsum manufacturers

Etc., etc.

Please consider the economics of keeping things local, rather than to embrace another form of distribution.

Sincerely,

Paul T. Watson

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The Grow Store  
90 N. U.S. Hwy. 31 S  
Traverse City, MI 49685-7923  
231-421-5191

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**From:** Darlene [<mailto:d.pokley@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 4:38 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** medical marijuana

Hello,

We are in favor of using marijuana for medical purposes.  
Please make this happen. Please pass all bills regarding this issue.

Thank You,  
Darlene Pokley  
Ken Kanyo

## Angie Lake

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**From:** John Gulick <jjgulick@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 9:47 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB4271

I support this bill. I oppose SB660.

## Angie Lake

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**From:** personal <chris.ferszt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 8:46 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB4721 (concentrates)

I am a 62 year old retired Engineer I worked for 31 years in the automotive business. Due to being on Chemo for 1 year back in 2009 I have many side-effects from the treatment. Traditional pain meds work but leave me addicted and barely able to function. I find that Orally taken Medical Marijuana works much better. Due to my disability it is very convenient, actually needed for me to be able to go and purchase concentrates. Please do not take away this ability to purchase concentrates.

Chris Ferszt

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 11:50 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: Precinct delegate

**From:** Jamie Fricke [<mailto:jamiefricke@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2013 10:07 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Precinct delegate

Dear Representatives and Chair-

I am a Precinct Delegate in Rep. Kevin Daley's District and have talked to many people across the State of Michigan. I was a Community Liaison for Americans For Safe Access during which I have enjoyed guiding communities through this process, some more fearful than others. Without guidance from State Legislature the City Commissions and Councils are reluctant to move forward with any regulations even if the officials and citizens clearly want these key businesses.

My first recommendation would be to pass HB 4623. Which really mirrors Ann Arbor's laws that have been in effect for over 40 years have had the opposite of any negative effects to the communities.

Two of the bills represent key improvements for medical marijuana laws in the state. HB 4271 would protect locally licensed dispensaries to help ensure patients have regular and safe access to their medicine. HB 5104 would create clear legal protection for marijuana extracts, which are often used in edibles. This is particularly important for seriously medical marijuana patients who cannot or prefer not to smoke.

I would also look to raise the weights and units of marijuana within these House Bills, inline with a few other states, as to prevent MORE unnecessary prosecutions and harmful behavior at the hands of Law Enforcement agencies. A more reasonable amount would be around 8 oz or more. If growing outside only- due to costs to grow- 8 oz would have to spread the entire year for this type of patient, from one harvest to the next in the Fall.

The third bill, SB 660, would create a "pharmaceutical grade" standard for medical marijuana. This bill would not go into effect unless federal law changes and we feel the legislature should instead focus its attention on practical solutions for Michiganders. I don't feel that this company should be given exclusive rights to govern a program for Medical marijuana- it goes against our commerce laws to allow a monopoly as such. Any business shall be allowed to apply for the same type of Medical marijuana grow and sales abilities.

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Thanks a bunch!

Jamie Fricke  
Director, Lapeer Area Cannabis Network  
Owner, Canna Consults, LLC

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"  
"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" -Martin Luther King  
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**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment for upcoming hearings

**From:** Brad Forrester [mailto:mmmabradf@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 7:15 PM  
**To:** House Clerk; Angie Lake  
**Subject:** Public comment for upcoming hearings

Below are my comments for the House Judiciary Committee's hearings on Thursday, December 5m 2013.

House Judiciary Committee  
S.B. 0660 (The Pharmaceutical-Grade Cannabis bill)  
H.B. 5401 (Marijuana Concentrates bill)  
H.B. 4271 (Provisionary Center bill)

3 December, 2013

Please add my comments to the public record

Honorable House Judiciary Committee Members and Clerk Angie Lake,

It's almost universally understood today that statutes criminalizing cannabis are being relaxed, not only in Michigan, but across this country and the globe. The public's perception is evolving on cannabis, and credible research is beginning to demonstrate that relaxed cannabis laws do not result in increased negative impacts on communities. With more than one credible poll showing that a majority of American's believe that cannabis should be regulated and sold to adults like alcohol and tobacco, I ask legislators to begin exploring the real issues that will need to be addressed by communities in a world when cannabis is legal, and let S.B. 0660 languish in the Government Operations Committee until it expires. A recent EPIC-MRA poll revealed that 67% of Michigan voters favor eliminating criminal penalties for marijuana offenses. Polling also indicates that 65% of democrats, 62% of independents and 35% of republicans support further relaxation of cannabis laws. Legislators should support relaxed cannabis laws because science is demonstrating that it can be used responsibly, and because the public's attitude towards allowing responsible adult use is a better public policy than incarcerating people for the so-called crime of cultivating and consuming a particular plant.

S.B. 0660 is simply bad legislation for every Michigan citizen and I ask members of the House to reject it. The circumstances with which this bill sailed through the Senate Governmental Operations Committee appears to be little more than a political courtesy for former House Speaker, Chuck Perricone. If this bill passes out of the House and becomes law, it could possibly be the fastest single piece of legislation ever to be passed in Michigan. I ask House Members to consider that S.B. 0660 would create a brand new government program, an expansion of government that will require the hiring of more government employees, ironically at a time when this very legislature replaced the Department of Corrections kitchen staff with a different multinational corporation to cut that Department's budget.

I do endorse the notion that raw cannabis, and cannabis concentrates that are excluded from S.B. 0660, should be made available for the Michigan people who need them through state-licensed entities, but I believe it would be a greater benefit for all the people in this state to have a decentralized system of specialty cultivation operations with 500 plant limits, and other local and regional entities that perform professional services from testing to processing and packaging. Decentralization will allow accountable officials in municipalities across the state to determine how best to zone cannabis businesses in their community, and could be a catalyst for reinvigorating small business and the middle class in this state. S.B. 0660 will only benefit a handful of politically connected multinational conglomerates like Prairie Plant Systems and their expensive spokesperson, former Speaker Perricone.

Many of the provisions in S.B. 0660 could be adapted for a future amendment of the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act to address some of the shortcomings of that voter-initiated law. New legislation could be drafted that would create an enforceable regulatory environment, and establish adequate safeguards so medical cannabis entities would be legal under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, and would pose no unnecessary risk to their communities. While S.B. 0660 outlines a robust regulatory structure, the enforcement costs of that scheme are not mentioned in the Senate Floor Summary, so accurate numbers may not even be available to make an informed decision, and costs could quickly exceed all the revenue generated from this program. In my view S.B. 0660 creates an unmanageable regulatory framework, it's a program that's ripe for abuse, and it will be very expensive to sustain the vast number of people it will take to try and implement adequate enforcement. Every dollar generated from the medical cannabis industry should stay in the hands of Michigan people and businesses, and all the revenue from this program will likely be consumed by a complicated regulatory structure, profit-driven corporations, and high-dollar lobbyists like former Speaker Perricone.

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## Angie Lake

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**From:** fromus2u <fromus2u@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 9:09 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Opposition to SB 660

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to voice my firm opposition to SB 660 "Prairie Plant" Medical Marijuana bill, which was foolishly rushed through the Senate. This bill serves to enrich a foreign corporation at the expense of Michigan's patients. It is a slap in the face to all Michiganders, in many respects.

Firstly, our senators have not listened to the people, or honored the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act as a directive by the people, or given the high preference mandated by Michigan Constitution to a people's ballot initiative.

Secondly, Michigan's medical marijuana industry has been bashed for "making money" which lead to shutting down dispensaries, and incarcerating patients and caregivers; rather than allow any economy to flourish in Michigan, SB 660 is set to enrich a Canadian company.

Thirdly, I personally viewed the public hearing held in the Senate and was shocked...truly shocked....to hear Senators yelling about "this is what the police want". Please consider that one branch of government is being allowed to unduly influence the legislative branch of government, when these branches are designed to hold each other in check. When police lobby the legislature, it deprives the people of their voice and representation.

Thank you,

Shelley Decker  
Sparta, MI

## Angie Lake

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**From:** fromus2u <fromus2u@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 8:49 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Support for HB 5104

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to support HB 5104 which permits Medical Marijuana concentrates and edibles. Cannabis extracts and edibles are necessary for many patients, to alleviate their symptoms. This is a humane treatment, sorely needed by many, and the safest possible method known. Please note that no deaths have ever been attributed to cannabis, as it is impossible to lethally overdose on marijuana. Thank you.

Shelley Decker  
Sparta, Michigan

## Angie Lake

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**From:** LISA BARNETT <lisanmikeb@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 11:55 AM  
**To:** Rep. Joseph Graves (District 51); Rep. Cindy Denby (District 47); Rep. Charles Smiley; House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB 5111 please vote NO

Dear Representatives,

It has come to my attention that HB 5111 regarding mandatory retention for 3rd graders who do not pass the state testing requirements is being considered this week. As a mother & wife of dyslexic individuals and as a Special Education Teacher in one of our public school systems, I am respectfully appalled that this bill was ever thought of, was written and even more so that it is being given any consideration what-so-ever. What will be done if thousands of Michigan kids are retained? Even if the ones with IEP's are excluded from this demand, there will be thousands who are not good test-takers or have high anxiety or restless sleep or terrible home lives who may be good readers but do not pass due to any number of variables. Even worse, what about the intelligent kids who have undiagnosed reading difficulties or have a diagnosed reading and writing difficulty that affects 15-20% of our population but is unrecognized by our educational system, I am speaking specifically of Dyslexia.

What will our state do when some of the kids who are retained do not pass the test a second time, will there be 10-12 year old kids in third grade the following year? At what point did anyone consider the profoundly negative impact retention has had on people...the research exists and is easy to access. Why isn't the real problem being addressed in policy and thru proper funding of our educational needs in the classroom? Colleges need to step up their education of our future teachers; current teachers have mis-guided information on dyslexia and how to remediate it and develop life long thinkers and doers in our society; policy makers and controllers of funding need to get into the schools to discover what we lack and best practices to help our kids reach their potential.

Please spend a short time researching Dyslexia as well as retention statistics. I will provide a few video links below as well as website links and recommended reading to begin your research. I am available to answer questions should you have any. Please VOTE 'NO' on HB 5111. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Lisa Barnett  
Fenton Township resident  
[lisanmikeb@yahoo.com](mailto:lisanmikeb@yahoo.com)

Video: search YouTube with keywords: Dyslexia and Talent  
[www.embracingdyslexia.com](http://www.embracingdyslexia.com) (website and week-done documentary)  
[www.childrenofthecode.org](http://www.childrenofthecode.org) (video links & research)

Websites: [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)  
<http://dyslexia.help.umich.edu/>  
[www.dyslexicadvantage.com](http://www.dyslexicadvantage.com)

Books: The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan by Ben Foss  
Overcoming Dyslexia by Sally Shaywitz





## Angie Lake

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**From:** Amber and Dave Messmann <messmann4@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 10:49 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB 5104

I would like to express my support of HB 5104. Medical marijuana patients suffering from seizures, cancer, krohn's disease, etc. find it much more effective to eat concentrated marijuana rather than smoking it. Please protect their right to medicate in the most effective way.

Thank you

Amber Messmann

8944 Nottingham Dr  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Amber and Dave Messmann <messmann4@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 10:35 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB 660

I would like to express my opposition to HB 660. This bill is the complete opposite of what we need in the state of Michigan. Please do not allow a large corporation to obtain monopoly status in our state.

The medical marijuana industry in Michigan currently supports many small businesses, and it has the potential to support many more--if our legislature were to embrace our citizens instead of Canadian dollars. Big business should not be able to buy our laws. However, the fast-tracking of this bill shows that they can, and that they are. This bill is a slap in the face to the citizens of Michigan who have fought so hard to achieve what Prairie Plant Systems is trying to buy.

Law abiding citizens of the state of Michigan, following the Medical Marijuana Act, have had their homes and businesses raided, have faced criminal charges, have lost custody of their children, have lost their jobs, and more. These are the people that deserve the protection of our laws, not a large, foreign corporation providing an inferior product.

Please show the citizens of the State of Michigan that you support them, not big business, by voting "NO" on HB 660.

Thank you for your time

Amber Messmann  
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**From:** David Shingleton <dshing1960@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 10:03 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** SB660 and Republicans against the people of Michigan

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I support bills 5104 and 4271 even though they do not go far enough. At least they are bills that support the will of the people of Michigan, and the spirit of the law that we passed in 2008.

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I support bills 5104 and 4271 even though they do not go far enough. At least they are bills that support the will of the people of Michigan, and the spirit of the law that we passed in 2008.

Sincerely,  
David Shingleton

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:04 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4271

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amber and Dave Messmann [<mailto:messmann4@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 10:53 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB 4271

I would like to express my support for HB 4271. Please provide the legislative clarity our state has been missing regarding dispensaries. Our citizens deserve the right to safely obtain their medicine and our small business owners deserve protection.

Thank you for your time

Amber Messmann  
8944 Nottingham Dr  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Sent from my iPad



## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:04 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: SB660, HB5104, HB4271

**From:** Trena Moss [<mailto:herbalangels@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 11:16 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** SB660, HB5104, HB4271

Hello my name is Trena Moss and I wish to express to you that I am totally against SB 660. However, my opinion of HB5104 and HB4271 is different. I am very much in favor of them. Thank you, Trena Moss Fenton, MI.

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:03 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: Medical Marihuana bills

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**From:** Denise Felter [<mailto:smittydee22@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 12:02 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Medical Marihuana bills

Hello,

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The first one is 5104. I believe people should have the choice as to how they consume their medicine. Many people do not like to or cannot smoke marihuana because of medical reasons.

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The third one is HB 4271. This one should absolutely pass. This is the only way to ensure that patients can always get the medicine they need. There are far too many people unable to get their medicine because there are just not enough caregivers to go around. Dispensaries would also help the economy by paying taxes and employing people.

Thank you,

Denise Felter

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:03 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: Medical marijuana bills 5104, Sb660, and HB4271

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**From:** patrick felter [<mailto:patrick22163@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 12:06 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Medical marijuana bills 5104, Sb660, and HB4271

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Thank you,

Dwayne Felter

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:02 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: My Statement Concerning HB 4271,HB 5104,And SB0660

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**From:** Rev. Steven B. Thompson [<mailto:benziecountynorml@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 4:26 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Cc:** Rep. Ray Franz; [SenDBooher@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenDBooher@senate.michigan.gov)  
**Subject:** My Statement Concerning HB 4271,HB 5104,And SB0660

While I am unable to make the trip and attend this hearing,I do wish for my statement to be read.

Concerning SB 0660: this terrible bill has left folks all over Michigan,questioning how a bill that was just introduced on 10/31/13,could have been so fast-track,while a "positive" bill (HB 4271) was introduced clear back in February (for the 2nd strait year),and has languished in committee. Suspensions of closed-room meetings,secret deals, and out-right pay-offs abound. Why?? Why indeed would our legislature even consider letting a company from another country,have exclusive rights to provide our cannabis for Michigan monies,when we have some of the best,professional growers right here in Michigan? Keep it local...keep it Pure Michigan,by voting NO on this bill!

Concerning HB 4271: while this bill is certainly not perfect,nor what the voters intended back in 2008,it is a step in the right direction of keeping our cannabis business local,while FINALLY providing safe access to cannabis for those patients who can't grow their own,or find a reliable caregiver to do it for them. Keep it local...keep it Pure Michigan by voting YES on this bill.

Concerning HB 5104: if you wanted clarification of our Law as to what forms of cannabis the voters were allowing us to use by passing MM back in 2008, the Court of Appeals got it wrong. This bill will rectify the situation by once again,allowing us to take our medicine in whatever form we desire. Keep it local...keep it Pure Michigan by voting YES on this bill.

In closing,let me say that I hope & pray that you will set you personal views & opinions on cannabis aside,when voting for such bills as these,and honor the will of the MAJORITY of your constituents which they voted for back in 2008. Quit being afraid of a plant and we who grow & consume it! We are loving,hard-working folks,just like all of you,who come from all walks-of-life,but have the common bond of our love for cannabis. Our homes are our castles! Our bodies belong to us! Not one of you have a right to tell us what we can grow on our property,or what we can put into our bodies,as long as we are hurting no one by doing so. To try to prohibit & eradicate ANY plant that God created on our earth is just pure insanity! To steal from,imprison,and even murder folks for growing & consuming a plant,is just pure evil! You all can help us end this social injustice...this insanity today by looking into your hearts,doing the right thing,and showing some compassion for your fellow human-beings that share this wonderful state with you.

Thank you for your hard work and your time.

Rev.Steven B.Thompson,Chapter Director  
Benzie County NORML

6215 Smeltzer Rd.

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<http://www.minorml.org/>

**(Former Executive Director of Michigan NORML  
from May,2007 to November,2011)**

"Kaneh bosm" in the

old Hebrew scrolls, quite literally the Biblical Tree of Life, used by  
early Christians to treat everything from skin diseases to deep pain and  
despair.

**WE DO NOT MANUFACTURE A DRUG...WE GROW A PLANT!!**

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 10:01 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake; David Mead  
**Subject:** FW: Science is behind medical marijuana

**From:** [alicia.judit@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.judit@gmail.com) [<mailto:alicia.judit@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 2:42 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Science is behind medical marijuana

In light of the mounting evidence of marijuana's medical efficacy, I urge you to continue support giving seriously ill patients in our state legal access to marijuana with a doctor's recommendation.

The evidence in favor of marijuana's health benefits is hard to ignore. The National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine issued a report in 1999, finding that marijuana had important health benefits. According to the IOM, for patients with AIDS or cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and suffering from severe pain, nausea, and appetite loss, cannabinoid drugs might offer broad-spectrum relief not found in any other single medication.

In February of 2010, the University of California's Center for Medical Cannabis Research presented the results of several of their studies conducted over the course of the past decade to the California Legislature. These studies showed once again that marijuana has therapeutic effects in cases where other treatments have failed or been ineffective.

Twenty states and Washington, D.C. now have laws to protect patients who benefit from the medical use of marijuana. But seriously ill patients in our state are still depending on lawmakers like you to help them, and this is a case where evidence and compassion are on the same side. I hope the scientific evidence will convince you to introduce or support a medical marijuana bill in the near future.

Sincerely,

Alicia Judit  
13525 Redmonds Hill Ct.  
Chelsea, MI 48118

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 9:59 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: house bills hd660 4271

**From:** hoss plourde [<mailto:harleyhoss1@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 7:17 PM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** house bills hd660 4271

i don't under stand why you would let some one grow with poison in it. if i grow my.Owen weed i know what's in it. if you let Canada grow are weed for the money. what is going happen like cigettes company did too them. its a same that 63% vote for it and you don't do as we ask for. I lost my home over this and i was a 100% by the law.there is no ware i can go to see if i was out side the law or in side the law. there no one going to jail in 2008 2010 then we got a new ag in place. that his Gould is to full up are jail and take are live to he'll and brank us.please don't take more a way from me i need to grow my Owen .support bill 4271. vote down hb660.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 9:58 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake; David Mead  
**Subject:** FW: As you know, a trio of bills will be considered by the Michigan House of Representatives on December 5th. They include HB 4271, the Provisioning Centers Act, HB 5104 and SB 660

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**From:** john anderson [<mailto:booboosdaddy@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 8:38 PM

**To:** House Clerk

**Subject:** As you know, a trio of bills will be considered by the Michigan House of Representatives on December 5th. They include HB 4271, the Provisioning Centers Act, HB 5104 and SB 660

To all this concerns,

I am a concerned patient suffering chronic spasms/severe pain in my abdomen and a protruding disc in my lower back. I have also ben diagnosed with ADHD, PTSD, Bipolar, and Narcissistic Personality and Disassociation disorders. I am writing this to ask why it has to be so hard to acquire a medicine that is so beneficial. I've medicated with pharmaceutical medications for years to no avail except more health problems than I initially started with. After years of going through all the side effects I'm tired and physically can't take it no more. I've been a resident of Michigan now for about 3 years and have been a patient card holder since 2012. I'm still very early in my personal studies on my own hoping to help others with the same ailments soon. I, along with many thousands of others need this plant for it's beneficial medicine. The lawmakers and government are calling this natural plant a schedule 1 drug. It (cannabis) is no where as harmful as cocaine or heroin. It needs, and has to be reclassified so it's more widely available for it's health benefits. It seems that a lot of our politicians are on the ear mark side of this issue. Why does it take so long to get this bills discussed? I do watch the news and hear how fast road work bills, municipal spending bills get brought to the table and passed in no time. I personally think this needs to be addressed ASAP as thousands of people are being prosecuted and punished and physically, emotionally or mentally suffer. Think of this from the opposing side, the patients side, without this natural plant called cannabis, life could and would be unbearable. We the people voted you to office to speak for us and now it seems we have a whisper for a voice. The time is now to vote YES. This is our right under our constitution by birth in this great nation so why would you want to say no? I thought our slogan was " by the people for the people"? With all that said, I hope you all remember who helped you get where you are, as we the people, need your help with a YES vote now.

Sincerely,  
John Anderson



## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 9:57 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake; David Mead  
**Subject:** FW: vote FOR HB 4271 & HB 5104, vote AGAINST SB 660

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**From:** Mark Wittkofske [<mailto:mwittkofske@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 6:39 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Cc:** [robinschneider.mi@gmail.com](mailto:robinschneider.mi@gmail.com); Rep. Wayne Schmidt (District 104); Rep. Mike Callton  
**Subject:** vote FOR HB 4271 & HB 5104, vote AGAINST SB 660

Mark Wittkofske  
317 W. Tenth Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684

[clerk@house.mi.gov](mailto:clerk@house.mi.gov)  
Clerk of the House  
100 N Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI  
48933

House of Representatives/Senate:

Please take this letter into consideration when voting on HB 4271, HB 5104, SB 660. I am a strong supporter of the Michigan voter-approved Medical Marihuana Act and believe that HB 4271 and HB 5104 are necessary to improve the existing MMMP law.

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**Vote FOR HB 5104.** It will correct the horrible Court of Appeals decision in the Carruthers case, which removed the protections from illegality patients enjoyed when making or using most concentrated or edible forms of marijuana.

**Vote AGAINST SB 660.** In addition to the fast-tracking that bill received it seems to undermine the existing MMMP Act and provide benefits to large corporations and non-MI entities. This bill requires more due diligence and proper public input.

In closing, please recall that the MI Supreme Court, in *State of MI v. McQueen* made the point that "... The Court of Appeals erred by concluding that a sale of marijuana was not a medical use, and that portion of its judgment was reversed." I mention this because we want to recognize and not

marginalize the labors of the growers, caregivers, and Provisioning Center owners. This is a great opportunity to support a burgeoning local and regional industry with great positive economic impact. Protect it from large corporate interests. Avoid making it easy for the entity with the most money to corner this new market. Introducing Provisioning Centers should be a win/win/win for the Provisioning Center owner, the farmer, and the patient.

Sincerely,

Mark Wittkofske  
317 W Tenth Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684

## Angie Lake

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**From:** House Clerk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 9:43 AM  
**To:** Angie Lake  
**Subject:** FW: My Opposition to HB 660

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rich ? [<mailto:richw001@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2013 8:26 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** My Opposition to HB 660

I would like to express my opposition to HB 660. This bill is the complete opposite of what we need in the state of Michigan. Please do not allow a large corporation to obtain monopoly status in our state.

The medical marijuana industry in Michigan currently supports many small businesses, and it has the potential to support many more--if our legislature were to embrace our citizens instead of Canadian dollars. Big business should not be able to buy our laws. However, the fast-tracking of this bill shows that they can, and that they are. This bill is a slap in the face to the citizens of Michigan who have fought so hard to achieve what Prairie Plant Systems is trying to buy.

Law abiding citizens of the state of Michigan, following the Medical Marijuana Act, have had their homes and businesses raided, have faced criminal charges, have lost custody of their children, have lost their jobs, and more. These are the people that deserve the protection of our laws, not a large, foreign corporation providing an inferior product.

Please show the citizens of the State of Michigan that you support them, not big business, by voting "NO" on HB 660.

Thank you.  
Richard W.  
Livonia, MI

## Angie Lake

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**From:** Joseph <jozeph@iserv.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 2:42 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** HB 4271

Hello,

As a Michigan citizen of 61 years I am writing to show my support for HB 4271. I believe it represents a common sense approach to marijuana in Michigan. As such it reflects the will and intent our voters so overwhelmingly demonstrated for the legalization of medical marijuana in the first place. If representing the citizens of this state still matters to Michigan government then please show it by supporting this bill.

Thank-you,

Joseph Lentz  
7212 N. River Hwy.  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Angie Lake

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**From:** William Clark <tmcgeeclark@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 1:53 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** SB 660

Dear Clerk of the Michigan  
House of Representatives:

I was born in Michigan, and have lived here many years.

Please vote any State House version of Senate Bill 660 down. It's clearly being pushed through for Prairie Plant Systems, a big political donor which got rich on commercial-grade marijuana in Canada, to the regret of many patients and other persons there.

It is far too early in this chapter of Michigan's new industry to let a single large biotech company dominate production for a market that should thrive on diversity instead. The needs of patients are many and diverse. So are their individual reactions to different strains of marijuana. They benefit from variety and freedom of choice. . . strains held to high quality, of course, but produced on a free market by expert gardeners in competition for that quality on a level playing field.

Proponents of 660 declare, 'If it's medicine, treat it like medicine. Give a single big company clearance to produce it and sell it in pharmacies.' Not so fast, ladies and gentlemen. Marijuana. . . *cannabis* in Latin. . . *kaneh bosm* in the old Hebrew scrolls. . . and quite literally the Biblical Tree of Life. . . should not be restricted like patent medicine. It is in fact a medicinal herb, the most benign and versatile in history, in use for thousands of years. Any common-law 'patent' of it would have expired centuries ago. New strains of it might be 'patented', as new roses are. But the old strains belong to the public now. They're in the Public Domain, despite the U.S government's foolish registered 'patent' of it, Number 6,630,507 issued in October of 2003 to. . . the government itself.

"Cannabinoids have been found to have antioxidant properties, unrelated to NMDA receptor antagonism. This newfound property makes cannabinoids useful in the treatment and prophylaxis of wide variety of oxidation associated diseases, such as ischemic, age-related, inflammatory and autoimmune diseases. The cannabinoids are found to have particular application as neuroprotectants, for example in limiting neurological damage following ischemic insults, such as stroke and trauma, or in the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and HIV dementia."

So said the experts at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at the time. But the government did not invent cannabis, nor develop new strains of it. Its 'claim' is therefore bogus, purely political, a doctored deed, an attempt to 'own' something it did not create, the

better to suppress it.

And 660 would take immediate effect. What's the rush, boys? It's not being pitched as a replacement for the caregiver system--yet--but Prairie Plant is profit-driven on a massive scale. Independent grows have since disappeared in Canada. According to [lansingonlinenews.com](http://lansingonlinenews.com) Prairie Plant, which grows crops in old mine shafts, has a 'spotty' record. In 2007 Canadians For Safe Access reported that samples from a PPS grow in an abandoned copper and zinc mine in Manitoba showed substantial levels of arsenic and lead.

Our new industry is poised to develop best right here in Michigan, with more local start-ups and employees than the fledgling auto industry of a hundred years ago. As much as we like our friends in Canada, Michigan is already a fine agricultural State. And we need the full benefit and pride of ownership of this new industry, won by local activists and a landslide statewide vote. I say keep the ownership and all the profits here. The State could use a boost in spirits, a real cause to take heart.

In a recent Senate hearing, only the lobbyist for Prairie Plant spoke in support of 660. Many patients spoke against it. They recognize a veiled threat to their growing rights when they hear it.

I believe that Michigan should protect this new local industry, not 'farm it out', but instead encourage it to develop right here. Let's see what the free market does.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William Clark

## Angie Lake

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**From:** Diana Moyle <moylediana@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 12:05 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Subject:** Bill HB5104

I suffer from many ailments the most serious right now would be Gran Mal Seizures. The most uncomfortable Neuropathy.

I am 42, and cannot go to sleep at night. I have muscle cramping that has me in a tight ball, and so much pain sleep is impossible.

I am also a Medical Marijuana Patient. It has been a good thing I chose not to use prescription medications to treat my pain. Not only are the pain meds. addictive, overdoses occur daily, and are major abused. They make me sick to my stomach. I raised two beautiful daughters working 80 hours a week. I paid for my medical insurance, and did damn good as a single mom. Now health problems have me jobless, homeless, depressed, and without a driver's license.

Last month I went to our county D.H.S. office. I just asked for a little help to get a home for my disabled daughter and I. They took my medical coverage away! Could you imagine if I would have been addicted to your painkillers too?

I have PTSD. When I look back, the most traumatizing part of my life was my alcoholic father. He got up every two hours during the night and LEGALLY pored himself a couple brandy and water. He would then come to my brother and I and beat the shit out of us. He also sexually molested me on numerous occasions. When he finally got sober he remembered non of it.

I DO. I remember my Illegally "pothead" mom getting her pj's on at 7pm. She would sit and watch television and hit her pipe. She went to bed at 11p.m. every night and was up with us for school every a.m..

Ingesting the Medical Marijuana helps with every one of my health issues in some way. The tincture helps with my seizures and muscle cramping. You cannot imagine what it does for mt P.T.S.D.. Because our wonderful State Government took my last little security, my medical coverage, I pray when I am in a seizure people ignore me. I cannot afford even the ambulance ride. Let alone your pills.

I am no criminal, still a very good mom, and an even better Grandma. Please think about this before you decide such a life affecting thing for me.

Thank You Diana Moyle

## Angie Lake

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**From:** Jay Feldman <jayami517@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2013 9:52 AM  
**To:** House Clerk  
**Cc:** robinschneider.mi@gmail.com; Rep. Wayne Schmidt (District 104); Rep. Mike Callton  
**Subject:** vote FOR HB 4271 & HB 5104, vote AGAINST SB 660

December 2, 2013

Jay R. Feldman  
317 W. Tenth Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
RE: vote **FOR HB 4271 & HB 5104**, vote **AGAINST SB 660**

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